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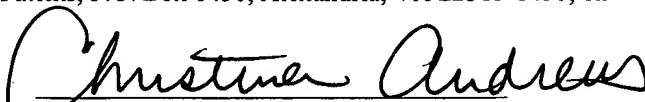
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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant acknowledges that C.R. Bard has been manufacturing and selling a device under the tradename 3D Max™. A copy of the webpage [www.davol.com/max.htm](http://www.davol.com/max.htm) is enclosed for consideration. The 3D Max™ device has been commercially available since before the filing date of this application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search reports from PCT/US01/28869, which is the international counterpart of co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/661/623, and EP 04020837, a European counterpart of co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/661,623.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

The relevance of French reference FR 2 145 975 may be determined from its English translation attached thereto.

The relevance of PCT reference WO 01/85060 may be gleaned from its drawings and the English abstract attached thereto.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

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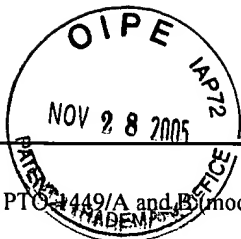
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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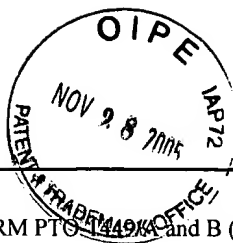
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